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ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM4111.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I would like to substitute AM4135 for the amendment before us, that older version.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's been a request for a substitution. Any objection? So ordered. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on Amendment 4135. (AM4135 is found on pages 1477-79 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, you'll recall, just to take you back a little bit, 922 is basically the complete recodification of the Game and Parks law and before we had this on General File and since General File, of course, we've been circulating this to an awful lot of people and they have suggested to us some technical amendments. All of these amendments in this set of amendments are technical amendments with a couple of exceptions and I want to point those out to you in case you're interested. On page...on page 2 of the amendment, down in lines 22 through 27, there is some new material that has, in part, in response to Game and Parks wanting more authority under their rules and regulations and in response to Senator Schrock and others. Basically, what it does with regard to controlled shooting areas, it says that "The commission shall not require distances between boundaries of game breeding and controlled shooting areas to be greater than two miles." Senator Schrock will speak to that, I'm sure. And then there is a second provision requiring that controlled shooting areas set up after the effective date of this act shall not be within one mile of a game refuge or wildlife management area. That's something other than a technical amendment altogether, although not a major matter. And then the second item on lines 15, page 3, Senator Jones, Senator Schmitt and a couple of others had mentioned the problem with raccoons and the thought that perhaps the liquidated damages on raccoons should not be as high as for other animals and so we dropped the damages fee on...or penalty on raccoons from \$50, as it is for everything else, down to \$25.